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The Attorney General

July 15, 1947

Director - FBI

**UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Alleged Irregularities  
Primary Election - August 6, 1946, Kansas City, Mo.  
Election Laws; Murder of Mary Bonomo**

*Elections Fraud*

The Kansas City Office of this Bureau has advised that a reporter named Jack Williams, representing the Kansas City Star, contacted Special Agent in Charge Brantley today relative to the murder of Mary Bonomo. You will recall that Bonomo contacted Mr. Phelps last week concerning a deal whereby her husband would be released from Leavenworth Penitentiary in exchange for information in this case. Bonomo was shot and killed on the night of Friday, July 11, 1947.

The reporter stated that the Kansas City Star had received a report or a tip that Mary Bonomo had visited the Federal Building last week and had been at the FBI offices and to Mr. Phelps' office in an effort to get her husband out of the penitentiary. The reporter indicated that Bonomo desired to offer her aid in attempting to get information on the Kansas City ballot theft in exchange for the pardon of her husband.

Special Agent in Charge Brantley advised Williams that the Bureau had no comment whatsoever to make on this report. Mr. Brantley further stated that he had been attempting to contact Mr. Phelps to bring this inquiry to his attention and that as soon as he could reach him Mr. Phelps would be informed.

cc - Mr. Theron L. Caudle  
Assistant Attorney General  
Criminal Division

AFL:mpd

cc - Mr. Ladd

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: July 10, 1947

FROM : D. M. Ladd

SUBJECT: THEFT OF BALLOTS  
KANSAS CITY ELECTION FRAUD

Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Rosen	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

On the night of July 9, 1947, I received a call from SAC Brantley of the Kansas City Office who advised that one Mary Bonomo had expressed a desire to talk with Mr. Phelps, she having been acquainted with him a number of years ago. Accordingly, the Kansas City Office arranged for her to talk to Mr. Phelps, Special Agent Stein being present. Mrs. Bonomo informed Mr. Phelps that her husband was presently serving a five-year sentence at Leavenworth Penitentiary in connection with the burglary of a post office, that he in the very near future would be eligible for parole. Mrs. Bonomo advised that if Mr. Phelps would intercede and assist her husband in getting out on parole, that she would promise that he would have the solution to the blowing up of the safe and the theft of the ballots by October.

Mr. Brantley advised that Mary Bonomo, whose maiden name was Giaviano, also had a criminal record, having been arrested on numerous occasions by the Kansas City Police Department.

Mr. Brantley stated that Mr. Phelps was going to call Attorney General Clark first thing this morning and would probably recommend favorable action in the case of Marion Jasper Bonomo, and that for that reason he was calling to put the Bureau on notice in order that the background would be available should the Attorney General call the Bureau concerning this matter.

Copies of the criminal records of Mary Margaret Bonomo and of Marion Jasper Bonomo are attached hereto. The Identification Division has been requested to forward a copy of each of these criminal records to the Kansas City Office in accordance with their request.

Attachment

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I am opposed to any such deal I know particularly with persons with such records. Make certain Brantley doesn't intimate any co-operation in this -

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The following is the record of FBI number 2212461

*J. E. Hoover*  
 Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
1, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary Margaret Glaviano, #3258	1-25-40	inv.	2-27-40, rel.
2, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary M. Glaviano #3258	3-25-40	inv.	
3, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary Margaret Glaviano, #3258	3-26-41	St. Cr. - inv.	5-6-41, rel. idgs
4, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary M. R. Glaviano #143	applicant for tracer 7-14-42		
5, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary Margaret Glaviano, #3258	12-23-42	inv - theft	1-2-43, \$100 fine
S.O.S., War Dept.	Mary Glaviano 41-PC	installe 10-6-42 (prt. rec. 2-20-43)		
PD, Kansas City Mo.	Mary Margaret Glaviano, #3258	12-26-43	shooting	
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary Margaret Glaviano	8-6-44	inv. check up	
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary Glaviano #3258	5-13-44	inv. boosting narcise.	5-25-44, dism. 5-42
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary Margaret Glaviano #3258	10-12-44	inv.	10-13-44, rel. by general assignment Unit
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary Margaret Glaviano #3258	11-27-44	inv. larc.	11-27-44, dism.
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary Margaret Glaviano #3258	2-11-45	inv.	2-12-45, rel. by Fro. on charge of inv. sup.

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The following is the record of FBI number 726473

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
U. M., Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Bonomo #0001	11-6-45	Govt. ... ... Govt.	
U.S.M., Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Bonomo #8318	11-19-45	Post Office Robb.	
USP, Leavenworth, Kansas	Marion Bonomo #62490	12-20-45	P.O. Law: 3 and 7 and theft	5 yrs.
U. S. Marshal Topeka, Kansas	Marion Jasper Bonomo #12340	May 1945 F. P. 12-4-45	burglary of Post Office	sent. to 5 yrs. on 1st count, and 3 yrs. on 2nd count to run concurrent with sent. on 1st count
SO, Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Jasper Bono #10997	1-7-46	writ. govt.	



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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary M. Bono #32558	3-30-45	Inv. Gr. Larc.	3-30-45, Rel.
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Mary Margaret Bono #32558	4-25-45	Inv. Larc. of Jewelry	6-2-45 disch.- insuf. evid.
Co. Jail, Kansas City Kans.	Mary Margaret Glaviano, #18405	10-3-45	B. and L.	
PD, Kansas City, Kans.	Mary Margaret Bonomo, #10354	10-2-45	C.L. and burg. and larc.	turned to state 10-5-45
USM, Kans. City, Mo.	Mary Bonomo #8802 K.C. Mo.	11-6-45	conspire to defraud U.S. Gov't	
Workhouse, Cincinnati, Ohio	Mary Margaret Bonomo, #96901	2-5-46	Bond fraud	3 mos.
PD, Kans. City, Mo.	Mary Bonono #32558	11-13-46	inv. forgery	DISM.



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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
US Pen., Leavenworth, Kans.- (dupl. prt. ret.- encl.)	Marion Bonomo #62490	Returned (P.O. Law-B. and T. from WH C. and Theft.) AD-PROS 1-5-46		*5 years.

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CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
	<p>IMPORTANT GANGSTERS, (KANSAS CITY, MO.) MARLO BRUNO alias Marlo Brounero (PROBABLE IDENT.) Inf Rec. Div. Off. Kansas City. Mo. 1-16-34. (Div. File #62-29950)</p> <p>Additional aliases: Marion J. Bonomo, James M. Bond, Marlo Bruno, Marion Brounero.</p> <p>This case is entered in the Single Fingerprint files of the Bureau under #K-4765.</p> <p>The following is the description of this individual as appearing on print #62490, U. S. Pen., Leavenworth, Kansas;</p> <p>Color, White; sex, male; Date of birth, 9-18-13; occupation, Musician; Birthplace, Mo.; Nationality, USA; Complexion, Medium; Height, 5 feet-8 inches; eyes, Dk. Br.; Weight, 149 pounds; hair, Dk. Ch.; build, med. Scars and marks, Ft. vert 2-<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> - 3 ab L wrist frt. and out: BRTet bird R 4arm frt; Ft oval 3/4 - 3-<math>\frac{1}{2}</math> blo L ear.</p> <p>The following is the additional description of this individual as appearing in the files of this Bureau.</p> <p>Scars and marks, 2" diag. cut scar left forehead. Nose medium large, pointed; hair high on temples. tattoo-bird with red wings on out side of rt. forearm. abdominal scar.</p> <p>A copy of the photograph of the above subject is attached hereto.</p> <p>The above individual is identical with MARION BROUERO, subject of your memorandum dated February 11, 1946.</p> <p>Re: BANK ROBBERY ALBUM          St. Louis Field Division          (91-244)</p> <p>CC: SAC, St. Louis</p> <p>In File #91-182</p> <p>This supplements Bureau letter of March 4, 1946.</p>			

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PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Bono #19624	11-23-31	larc.	11-6-31, 30 days Co. Jail
Intermediate Ref. Algoa, Mo.	Marion Bono #636	5-19-33	P.C. to robb. 1st deg.	10 yrs.
St. Jefferson City, Mo.	Marion Bono #46353	7-27-35 in trans. from Int. Ref., Algoa Mo.	robb. 1st	10 yrs., 7-17-38 par.
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Bono #28129	11-23-38	inv. holdup	11-24-38, rel.
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	James Marion Bono #28129	6-13-40	inv.	6-14-40, rel.
SO, Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Jasper Bono #10997	8-19-41	inv. burg.	
SO, Lawrence, Kansas	Marion Jasper Bono #32-SUO/C-4894	7-25-42	labor.	
Commandant 9th Naval District	Marion J. Bono #NA-87	1-4-43	laborer	
PD, Kansas City, Kansas	Marion J. Bono #NAA-38694		Beg. Assem. Gen -E-45	
PD, St. Louis, Mo.	Marion Jasper Bono #52313	11-30-43	not giver (safe	
Alcohol Tax Unit, St. Louis, Mo.	Marion Jasper Bono #MO-E-2259	11-30-43	Int. Rev. Laws	8-1-44, rel. w/o pros. by U.S. Atty. St. Louis, Mo.
U.S. Marshal St. Louis, Mo.	Marion Bono #3258	12-1-43	liquor vio.	
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Jasper Bono #28129	4-4-44	inv. check up and Sel. Serv.	rel. 4-5-44

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 Director.

CONTRIBUTOR OF FINGERPRINTS	NAME AND NUMBER	ARRESTED OR RECEIVED	CHARGE	DISPOSITION
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Jasper Bone #28129	3-18-44	inv. holdup	6-17-44
SO, Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Jasper Bone #10397	4-10-44	rob. 1st	6-17-44 30 days Jesse's
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	James Marion Bone #28129	2-11-45	inv. burg.	
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Jasper Bone #P. & S.	7-7 Prod. Helper 3-29-45		
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Marion James Bone #28129	4-24-45	Inv. larc. of jewelry	4-25-45 rel.
U.S., Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Bone #579	8-11-45	break in to Post Office	
PD, Kansas City, Mo.	Marion Jasper Bone #28129	10-2-45	grand larc. and burg.	

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Edward A. Tamm  
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July 13, 1947

8:10PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. TRACY  
MR. LADD  
MR. NICHOLS

I telephoned SAC Dwight Brantley in Kansas City regarding the wire that Mr. Phelps had sent to the Attorney General requesting the release from Leavenworth Penitentiary of Marion Jasper Bonomo. I told him that the Attorney General desired that I contact him to see if he agreed with the recommendation of Mr. Phelps that this man be released.

SAC Brantley informed me that Mr. Phelps had telephoned the Attorney General the other day in regards to this matter and that Mr. Phelps had indicated to the Attorney General that the Kansas City office concurred in his views. SAC Brantley stated that he had subsequently told Mr. Phelps that he could not make any such recommendation.

Mr. Brantley called my attention to the fact that last night the wife of Bonomo had been killed while she sat in front of her fruit store. He stated that she had been shotgunned to death in a typical gangland killing. He pointed out that Mrs. Bonomo was involved in many ways with the Kansas City underworld and that she could have been assassinated for any one of them. He mentioned further that she had twice visited the Federal Building in Kansas City yesterday, although it was not known for what reason. I told Mr. Brantley that he should have immediately sent us a teletype on this development.

Mr. Brantley informed me that Bonomo had served approximately 18 months of a five-year sentence for post office burglary and that this is to be followed by a 90-day sentence for a fraudulent bond he had made in connection with the burglary. He stated that Mr. Phelps wanted to give Bonomo a conditional release and that under such a release there would be no way that he could be returned to the penitentiary unless he violated its terms.

Mr. Brantley advised me that Mr. Phelps had known Bonomo's wife for a long time and that it was apparently through her that he planned to use Bonomo. It was Mr. Brantley's opinion that her death would preclude the possibility of Bonomo being able to render much assistance in this case, although he indicated that Bonomo might be influenced by her death to the point that he would try to help us. Mr. Brantley pointed out, however, that if Bonomo were released there was

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MEMORANDUM FOR MESSRS. TOLSON,  
TAMM, LADD AND NICHOLS

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a strong possibility that he would be slain within a week or two. Mr. Brantley summarized his position by stating that if the wife were still alive he felt it would be best to release Bonomo, but with her death he was doubtful that Bonomo could be of much help.

I impressed upon Mr. Brantley that he shouldn't vary this recommendation to me with anything he should say to Mr. Phelps. I told him that I was personally against any release, inasmuch as I was basically opposed to dealing with any man who has a criminal record like Bonomo's.

Very truly yours,

*[Signature]*  
John Edgar Hoover  
Director

JEH:DJK

cc - Mr. Nease  
Telephone Room

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 12, 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

In regard to the attached teletype addressed to you under date of July 11, 1947, by Special Assistant to the Attorney General Phelps in which he requests that commutation of sentence be obtained for Marion Jasper Bonomo and also that he be conditionally released so that his services might be used as an informant in connection with the vault robbery and theft of ballots in Kansas City, I have in accordance with your request communicated with SAC Brantley of our Kansas City Office to ascertain Mr. Brantley's views.

Mr. Brantley advised me that since Mr. Phelps wired you yesterday Bonomo's wife was shot and killed early this morning while sitting in front of her home by parties unknown. Mr. Brantley states that prior to the death of Bonomo's wife he felt that if Bonomo were conditionally released he might have been of some assistance in the solution of this case. Mr. Brantley states that now, however, since the wife has been killed he has some doubt as to whether Bonomo would be of assistance if released. Mr. Brantley states that he also believes that if Bonomo were released at the present time he, Bonomo, would probably be attacked in an effort to take his life.

You requested my views as to this situation. I must say that irrespective of whether Bonomo's wife were alive or dead I would be disinclined to enter into any such deal with a man having such a criminal record as Bonomo has and who still has a substantial part of his present term to serve. I think it is fundamentally undesirable to make such deals with confirmed criminals even though it may be reasonably assumed that they may be able to be of assistance in some other criminal case.

Respectfully,

37 JUL 15 1947

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

SENT FROM D. O.  
TIME  
DATE 7-17-47  
BY

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July 13, 1947

3:23PM

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. TOLSON  
MR. TAMM  
MR. LADD  
MR. NICHOLS

The Attorney General returned my call and I advised him of the developments in the Kansas City election frauds case which I had learned from ~~Mr. Dwight Brantley~~ concerning the release of Marion Jasper Bonomo from Leavenworth Penitentiary. I pointed out that Mr. Brantley now felt, in view of the killing of Mrs. Bonomo, that Bonomo would be of little help to us and I mentioned that my personal opinion was that it would be a bad thing for everyone concerned if we were to effect his release.

The Attorney General asked if it wouldn't be proper to attempt to find out who was responsible for the slaying in view of the fact that Mrs. Bonomo would have been a material government witness. I told him that Mr. Brantley was waiting to confer with Mr. Phelps on this aspect of the case. The Attorney General said he thought we should go ahead and see what could be learned regarding the killing of Mrs. Bonomo and that Mr. Brantley should contact Mr. Phelps to see what his views were.

Very truly yours,

*S. J. E. H.*

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

JEH:DJK

cc - Mr. Nease  
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TIME 11:10 AM

DATE 7/14/47

BY *[Signature]*

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FBI KANSAS CITY 7-12-47 1-29 PM CST ACT

DIRECTOR U R G E N T

UNSUBS, THEFT OF BALOTS OF AUGUST SIX, FORTYSIX PRIMARY ELECTION, KCMO, ELECTION LAWS. MRS. MARY BONOMO, THIRTYNINE YEAR OLD POLICE CHARACTER, KCMO, WIFE OF MARION JASPER BONOMO, US PEN LEAVENWORTH NO. SIX TWO FOUR NINE NAUGHTS NOW SERVING FIVE YEAR SENTENCE THAT INSTITUTION FOR POST OFFICE ROBBERY, WHO IS SUBJECT OF TELETYPE TO AG JULY ELEVEN LAST BY RICHARD K. PHELPS, SPECIAL ASSISTANT HANDLING PROSECUTION VOTE FRAUD, WAS KILLED AT APPROXIMATELY ELEVEN FIFTEEN PM LAST NIGHT BY BLAST FROM A ~~SHORT~~ SHOTGUN IN HANDS OF UNKNOWN PERSONS AS SHE SAT IN FRONT OF HER MARKET AND FRUIT STAND IN KCMO. MOTIVE OF SLAYING UNKNOWN BUT LOCAL POLICE SPECULATE KILLING MIGHT HAVE ARISEN FROM QUARREL BETWEEN BONOMO AND SOME OF HER ASSOCIATES OVER DIVISION SPOILS FROM SOME JOINT ENTERPRISE. INVOLVEMENTS OF MRS. BONOMO IN VARIOUS ILLEGAL ACTIVITIES HERE OVER A PERIOD OF YEARS, IT IS BELIEVED BY LOCAL POLICE, ARE SUCH THAT KILLING COULD HAVE ARISEN FROM ANY ONE OF A NUMBER THEREOF. IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT MARION JASPER BONOMO, HUSBAND OF SLAIN WOMAN, IS INDIVIDUAL PHELPS BELIEVES COULD HAVE BEEN OF ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING INFORMATION IN VAULT ROBBERY AND THEFT OF BALLOTS FROM COURT HOUSE.

BRANTLEY

END

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A. G. desires Brantley see Phelps at once & suggests we investigate killing as it may lead to angles we are interested in.